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Friends, tomorrow starts the first day of the new year and I invite you to continue with me studying the Word of God day by day through the One Year Bible Club. If you have enjoyed these studies please consider doing a couple of things to help grow this ministry:

First, let other people know about the One Year Bible Club and encourage them to receive the podcast. You can copy and paste a link to subscribe on your Facebook page or send it to friends in a text or email. This way you will be helping me to teach and make disciples for Jesus Christ. Here's the link to get the Podcast:

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Second, prayerfully consider sowing a financial seed into this ministry. There is so much more that I would like to do in developing the One Year Bible Club including creating a customized smart phone app and getting it out there through several forms of Christian media. We also use donations for our personal support. Here's a link with support options for both online giving and check by mail:

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Nick Boork

**December 31**

**Revelation 22:1-21**

### **The River of Life**

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. <sup>2</sup> In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, *was* the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. <sup>4</sup> They shall see His face, and His name *shall be* on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

### **The Time Is Near**

<sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, “These words *are* faithful and true.” And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place. <sup>7</sup> “Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed *is* he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.” <sup>8</sup> Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “See *that you do not do that*. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.” <sup>10</sup> And he said to me, “Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. <sup>11</sup> He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.”

### **Jesus Testifies to the Churches**

<sup>12</sup> “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End, the First and the Last.”

<sup>14</sup> Blessed *are* those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. <sup>15</sup> But outside *are* dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

<sup>16</sup> “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”

<sup>17</sup> And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

## A Warning

<sup>18</sup> For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; <sup>19</sup> and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

## I Am Coming Quickly

<sup>20</sup> He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly."

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

## OKAY, HERE'S MY TEACHING COMMENTARY

Paradise was lost in Genesis chapter 3 but it is regained in this final chapter of the Book of Revelation. The tree of life grows on both sides of the river of God and its leaves heal the nations. There's no more curse in the new heaven and new earth. All the saints are able to see God and each one is promoted to a place to serve and reign in the kingdom of God forever.

When the angel tells John the apostle not to seal up the book because the time is at hand he is saying that the fulfillment of these things is eminent and the eternal condition of our souls will be forever sealed once these prophetic events are completed. This is what is meant in Revelation 22:11: ***He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.*** Should the Lord appear to take his people home to glory or if we breath our last breath and our heart stops beating, once we leave this world we will continue in the state that we exit either as unjust, filthy, righteous or holy until the final judgment of God either as Believers before the judgment seat of Christ or as unbelievers before the great white throne. Jesus says we are blessed if we keep his commandments.

### What are his commandments?

**Repentance and Faith:** The first two are repentance and faith in him as Savior: Mark 1:14-15 Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

**Love One Another:** The Lord commands us to love one another as he has loved us: John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

So the basic Commandments of Jesus Christ are to

- Repent from our sins
- Believe on Jesus Christ as our Savior
- Love one another

The Bible promises that those that can keep the commandments of Christ will have the right to eat from the tree of life and to enter into the holy city the new Jerusalem! **Revelation 22:14-15** ***Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.***

Notice how Jesus draws a line that separates people into two groups. The first group are those that are blessed, obedient to his commands and have eternal life and be permitted to enter into the holy city. The second group are those that are cursed, disobedient and are not allowed inside the holy city because they refuse to repent of their sins and make Jesus Christ Lord and Savior.

The Lord instructs the apostle John to be sure that the book of Revelation is shared in all of the churches. I think that this is very important for today as well. The message of the book of the revelation of Jesus Christ is highly relevant because it's the message of God's prophetic purposes being fulfilled. It brings us great hope and comfort knowing that God has prepared for his people a great and glorious city and that we will reign with Christ eternally!

The Lord gives a final warning about adding to or taking away from the content of the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ. The same principle can be applied to all the books in the Old and New Testament. This means that there are no more divinely inspired books given by the Holy Spirit on the authority level as the written word of God known as the Scriptures. This is so important that God says if we add to this book He will add to us the plagues that are written in this book! If we take away from this book He will take our name out of the book of life! You can't get anymore serious in giving a warning than that!!!

Unfortunately, I have heard various leaders and pastors minimize the importance of the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ saying things like; ***"Who can understand it"*** and ***"how can anyone know the whole counsel of God?"*** Those are very poor excuses for servants that claim to be called of God as Shepherds and spiritual leaders of the flock. The Bible says that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for us...God has specifically given the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ to be testified in the churches: **Revelation 22:16** ***"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches."*** This means the responsibility of pastors and teachers is to be diligent to study and rightly divide the word of God. This requires diligent study and preparation spiritually to teach and preach. I thank the Lord for the gift of the Holy Spirit who imparts the grace and anointing to teach and preach the word of God and surely this includes the Book of Revelation!

I don't mean that this is the only book that pastors should preach from but it should be part of what the church teaches from time to time and not avoid it just because it's a difficult book. The book declares that the time of this prophecy is at hand or in other words it is in the process of being fulfilled right now. This is especially true in regards to chapters 1-3 which reveals the resurrected glorified Christ living among his churches and revealing those things that please him and other things that we can all work on changing which are areas in our personal lives spiritually and in our churches that Christ seeks to correct, restore and heal. Furthermore, this book of the revelation of Jesus Christ gives us the true divine panoramic view of God's prophetic purposes generating great confidence, faith and hope because in the end those that overcome will inherit all things and reign with Christ forever! I conclude this teaching commentary with the promise from Jesus Christ:

Revelation 21:7 ***He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.***

#### **PRAYER:**

Father we pray that we never give up! We praise you that the future is bright for those that continue walking with Jesus Christ. Through prayer and the Word, give us the grace and power by the Holy Spirit to **overcome by faith** every sin, temptation, persecution, obstacle and Satanic attack because greater is Christ in us than the devil that is in this world! Jesus fill us with your compassion for people that we come across on our journey that have fallen and need a hand up. Use us to strengthen others just like you told Peter that after he was converted to strengthen his brothers. To you God alone be all the praise and glory. Help us each finish strong until we stand before you and hear you say "Well done my good and faithful servant you were faithful in little now you will reign with me forever in my kingdom, enter into the joy of your Lord" Amen.

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